



PARISH COUNCIL

Spring 2026 Newsletter

Himalayan Balsam – your help please



Pretty yes, but Himalayan Balsam is a widespread invasive species in Britain and Hempnall. This plant is often associated with riparian habitats, where waterways can provide corridors along which they can spread. Himalayan Balsam is very damaging, causing erosion to riverbanks, and forming dense stands that increase the likelihood of flooding and reduce or suppress native plants, as well as negatively impacting other biodiversity.

You must not allow it to spread into the wild or onto neighbouring properties, which is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Act NOW - If you live in a property along side the river or drain bank, please ensure you up-root any Himalayan Balsam on your property before it seeds/flowers in May/June. This will prevent seeds from being

distributed downstream infecting other areas in the village.

Hand-pulling must be undertaken so that the whole plant is uprooted and is normally best done by pulling from low down the plant prior to seed formation. Please ensure that waste material is either dried, burnt or carefully composted to avoid spreading the infestation.

Hempnall parish council's precept unchanged for 5 years

For five years running Hempnall parish council has kept its precept at the same level of £18,300 pa. Hopefully, this goes some way to counter the rises we are all seeing in our rates from the County and District Councils and the Police & Crime Commissioner.

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